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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to parental participation in public education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-7001(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

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- (A) It shall be the duty of the board of education of each school district to develop a program requiring appropriate parental participation in the educational and teaching process at the school in which the parent has one or more children enrolled in grades kindergarten through four (4). No such program shall require any such parent to involuntarily participate in the program for more than twelve (12) hours during a school year. Each such program shall set forth procedures and guidelines whereby a parent may be exempted for good cause from the requirements of this subdivision; and
- (B) It may be the duty of the board of education of each school district to develop a program for the voluntary participation of parents in the educational and teaching process at the school in which the parent has one or more children enrolled in grades five (5) through twelve (12).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.